reportedly said, "every judge should make declaration of all assets in the form of real estate or investments held in their names, in the name of their spouses or any other person dependent on them, to the Chief Justice";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government proposes to bring forward the Judges Inquiry Bill, 2006, in this regard, during the winter session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Judges (Inquiry), Bill, 2006, which *inter-alia* provided for setting up of a National Judicial Council to probe into the allegations of misconduct against the Judges, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice which has since given its Report. The Report of the Standing Committee is being examined.

Exemption to retired judges from enquiry against misconduct

662. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to exempt retired judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts from any probe into the allegations of misconduct against them during their tenures;

(b) whether this matter was referred by Government to a panel of Members of Parliament who are reportedly against shield for ex-judges;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government proposes to bring forward the Judges Inquiry Bill, 2006, which was introduced in Parliament last year, during the Winter Session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2006, which *inter-alia* provided for setting up of a National Judicial Council to probe into the allegations of misconduct against the judges, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 19.12.2006. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice which has since given its Report. The Report of the Standing Committee is being examined.

Complaints against judges

†663. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the type of complaints received during the last five years and till date against the judges of Supreme Court and High Courts; and

(b) the details of main recommendations of the Law Commission regarding the investigation of these complaints against the judges of these courts?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.